REMARKS

Allowed Claims

In the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005, claims 10-20 were allowed.

Claims 2-9 Rejected as Anticipated under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The above-referenced claims were rejected as being anticipated by the disclosure of the U.S. patent of Takahashi No. 5,048,702. These claims have been cancelled to put the application into condition for allowance. The cancellation of the claims should not be interpreted as a concession that the rejection has any merit. The intention of the applicant is to pursue the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein, the application is in condition for allowance and a favorable action is requested.

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